

**City of Miami Beach - City Commission Meeting
Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall
1700 Convention Center Drive
November 14, 2001**

Mayor Neisen O. Kasdin
Vice-Mayor Matti Herrera Bower
Commissioner Simon Cruz
Commissioner David Dermer
Commissioner Luis R. Garcia, Jr.
Commissioner Nancy Liebman
Commissioner Jose Smith

City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Attorney Murray H. Dubbin
City Clerk Robert E. Parcher

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ATTENTION ALL LOBBYISTS

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Call to Order - 10:36:30 a.m.

Inspirational Message given by Father Albert from the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and Rabbi Phineas A. Weberman.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief DeLucca.

PA - Presentations and Awards

New Item:

Keys to the City were presented to the following individuals for their efforts with the 'NSYNC and Friends: Veteran's Day benefit concert: Marlo Courtney from the Ocean Drive Association, Al Feola from the Ocean Drive Association, Jon Stoll from Fantasma Productions, and Jerry Powers publisher of Ocean Drive Magazine.

(Requested by Mayor Neisen Kasdin)

ACTION: Keys Presented.

Mayor Kasdin commented on the success of the Veteran's Day Concert. He congratulated the organizers of this event and the City staff.

New Item:

Certificates of Appreciation presented to Christina Cuervo, Assistant City Manager and Ramiro Inguanzo, Chief of Staff for their efforts with the 'NSYNC and Friends Veteran's Day benefit Concert.
(City Manager's Office)

ACTION: Certificates of Appreciation presented.

Jorge Gonzalez, City Manager, expressed his thanks to everyone involved with the success of this weekend event. He emphasized that this event could not have been accomplished without the participation of all the employees in the Ambassador program. He thanked all the individuals that participated from Miami-Dade County and other municipalities. He also thanked the citizens that came to the event. He mentioned the following individuals Assistant City Manager, Christina Cuervo, Chief of Staff Ramiro Inguanzo, Special Events Coordinator, Maggie Fernandez, Randy Friedman and the Ocean Drive Association.

REGULAR AGENDA**R7 - Resolutions**

10:54:57 a.m.

R7A A Resolution Adopting The Certificates Of The Results Of The November 13, 2001 Run-Off Election For The City Of Miami Beach And Declaring Candidates Elected.
(City Attorney's Office)

ACTION: Resolution No. 2001-24666 adopted. Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bower; seconded by Commissioner Garcia; Voice vote: 7-0.

Mayor Kasdin thanked Commissioner Nancy Liebman for her important work to the City, and particularly for her work on preservation, culture and equality. This is a legacy she should be proud of. He also thanked the City Administration and all of the City Departments who worked very hard during his tenure. He congratulated the newly elected Commissioners Richard Steinberg and Saul Gross. He congratulated the new Mayor David Dermer. He stated that if his father could be here today, he would be very proud of him.

Commissioner Liebman thanked everyone for the years of pleasure she has had in serving the City. She feels the City is in wonderful hands with Commissioner Steinberg, Commissioner Gross and Mayor Dermer. She gave a gift to Mayor Dermer to remember her by (the rubber chicken).

Mayor Kasdin also congratulated Commissioner Smith on his re-election.

Administer the Oath of Office to the Newly Elected Mayor and Commissioners in Group (I), (II), and (III).

10:56:14 a.m.

Mrs. Dermer, the Mayor's mother, spoke prior to the City Clerk's administering the Oath of Office to Mayor Dermer.

10:58:12 a.m.

Robert Parcher, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor David Dermer.

11:00:23 a.m.

Robert Parcher, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Commissioners In Groups (I), (II), and (III): Jose Smith, Saul Gross and Richard Steinberg.

Mayor Dermer congratulated the new Commissioners.

11:05:07 a.m.

Commissioner Richard Steinberg thanked his supporters, former opponents, family, and the voters.

Priorities:

- Revitalize the tourism Industry.
- Fast track implementation of the Mobility Plan.
- Explore the use of angle parking on South Beach.
- Make sure that concurrency is met.
- Revitalization of North Beach.
- Improve the schools on the Beach by working with the school board.
- Strengthen the Human Rights Ordinance, particularly the penalty provisions of it.
- Move forward with legislation to adopt stronger campaign finance reforms.

11:07:57 a.m.

Commissioner Saul Gross thanked his family everyone involved on his campaign, the voters, and Neisen Kasdin for being his mentor for many years. He congratulated the new mayor.

Priorities:

- Significant planning and zoning issues need to be addressed.
- Solve the parking problem. He asked Jorge Gonzalez, Joseph Johnson, Tom Mooney, and William Cary to work with him on concurrency issues.
- Preservation should be the first item to be considered by the Commission at its first meeting. Designation of a new Historic District for North Beach.
- Re-develop North Beach in a positive family oriented way.
- Business Resolution Task Force. Improve the Building Department. He asked Phil Azan and Hamid Dolikhani to work with him on this.

11:20:42 a.m.

Commissioner Smith thanked all his supporters. He thanked the voters of Miami Beach for their vote and confidence. He thanked his wife and children. He expressed a special thanks to Mayor Kasdin and Commissioner Liebman for a job well done.

11:23:52 a.m.

Commissioner Garcia congratulated the new Commissioners and recognized Mayor Kasdin and Commissioner Liebman for their hard work and for their mentoring.

Priorities:

- To prevent stagnation of issues consensus must be reached.
- The economy of the City. The future of the merchants is critical and the City needs to be friendly with the merchants and hoteliers.

11:27:15 a.m.

Commissioner Cruz stated that Mayor Kasdin and Commissioner Liebman represent what the City is today and they should be commended for their hard work. He congratulated Mayor Dermer.

11:28:08 a.m.

Vice-Mayor Bower expressed her desire to work hard together. She expressed that to serve the community is hard work and she will continue to do the best she can for everyone in the City. She congratulated everyone. She expressed her gratitude to Mayor Kasdin and Commissioner Liebman.

11:31:31 a.m.

Mayor Dermer thanked his colleagues and congratulated the new commissioners and wished Mayor Kasdin good luck. He stated that it was a great honor to hold the seat his father held. He thanked his family, the firefighters the police officers, Armando and Maritza Gutierrez, the Sun Post, the Sierra Club, The Wire, Ken Robbins, "Save Miami Beach", and the candidates that participated on this election.

Priorities:

- Integrity of the Commission
- Protect the beaches and the open space of the City. To keep them public and accessible to everyone.

11:42:44 am.

R7B A Resolution Electing Commissioner Jose Smith As Vice-Mayor For A Term Commencing On November 14, 2001, And Terminating On February 28, 2002, Or On Such Date When A New Vice-Mayor Is Thereafter Elected.

(City Clerk's Office)

ACTION: Resolution No. 2001-24667 adopted. Motion made by Vice-Mayor Bower; seconded by Commissioner Steinberg; Voice vote: 7-0. R. Parcher to handle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43:16 a.m.

End of Regular Agenda